

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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ILLEGAL MANUFACTURING OF MINI LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of illegal manufacturing of mini LPG cylinders in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases noticed during the last two years;
- (c) Whether any check has been exercised to stop manufacturing of these cylinders; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the erring persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry has not received any complaint in this regard in the last two years. Also, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not come across any such instance during the last two years while procuring mini LPG cylinders in the country.

(c) & (d): OMCs procure LPG cylinders from cylinder manufacturers having valid licences from the bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) and approved by the Oil Industry Technical Committee. These cylinders are manufactured under the close supervision of BIS. Besides, OMCs have instituted stringent measures and inspection procedures to ensure that only genuine cylinders are filled at bottling plants and distributed in the market.